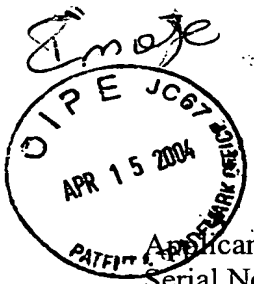


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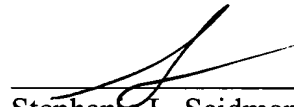
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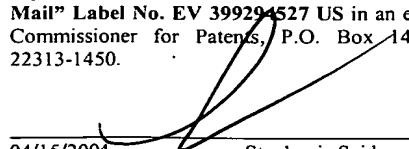
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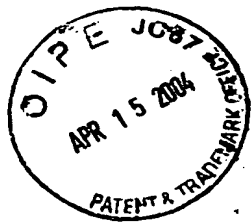
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, after filing a Request for Continued Examination for the above-captioned application, no filing fee is due. If it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent Office of information known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the reference Oberle *et al.* (*Biochimica et Biophysica Acta* (2004) 1676:223-230), accompanying the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed March 26, 2004, in connection with the above-captioned application. Oberle *et al.* describes methods for delivering artificial chromosome expression systems (ACEs) to cells. Specifically, Oberle *et al.* demonstrates that when cells are treated with ultrasound energy and the cationic lipid SAINT-2 or DOTAP prior to contacting cells with ACEs, the ACEs are delivered into the cells. Oberle *et al.* states that incubation of ACEs with cationic lipids such as SAINT-2 and DOTAP to prepare ACEs/lipid complexes leads to partial unravelling of the ACEs with a loss of their condensed structure (*see* page 225, col. 1, para. 2). Oberle *et al.* does not provide any data to support this statement.

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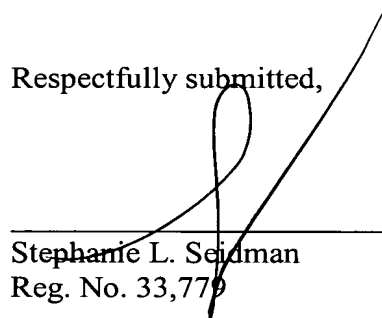
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The instant application describes complexation of ACEs with delivery agents such as cationic lipids to facilitate introduction of the ACEs into cells (*see, e.g.,* Examples 4-7). The instant application demonstrates that ACEs that are complexed with delivery agents such as cationic lipids can maintain their intact and condensed structure before and after delivery into the cells (*see, e.g.,* aforementioned Examples; *see also* de Jong *et al. Chromosome Res.* (2001) 9:475-485 and Vanderbyl *et al. Cytometry* (2001) 44:100-105, which are of record in this application).

Applicant respectfully requests that this reference be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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